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#### **English-Language Documents**

<b>Patentee</b>	<b>Patent No.</b>	<b>Issue Date</b>
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Ickikawa	5,360,327	Nov. 1, 1994
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#### **Foreign Patent Documents in English**

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#### **Other Documents**

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the attached form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate marks.

Respectfully submitted,

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